

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method of downloading content from a server to an electronic device, comprising:  
2 storing authentication data on a removable memory, wherein the authentication data  
3 includes a predetermined level of content access;  
4 accessing the server with the electronic device;  
5 authenticating the removable memory by reading the authentication data from the  
6 removable memory; and  
7 downloading the content from the server to the removable memory according to the  
8 predetermined level of content access.
- 1 2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the authenticating is performed by the server.
- 1 3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the removable memory is a semiconductor  
2 memory.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1 further comprising time stamping the authentication  
2 data, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a predetermined  
3 amount of time.
- 1 5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the server is accessed through a wired internet  
2 connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a conduit and a  
3 personal computer.
- 1 6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the server is accessed through a wireless  
2 connection.
- 1 7. The method according to claim 6 wherein the wireless connection includes an internet  
2 connection.

- 1 8. The method according to claim 6 wherein the wireless connection includes a local area  
2 network.
- 1 9. The method according to claim 6 wherein the wireless connection includes a wide area  
2 network.
- 1 10. A system for downloading content from a server to an electronic device, comprising:  
2 means for storing authentication data on a removable memory, wherein the authentication  
3 data includes a predetermined level of content access;  
4 means for receiving the removable memory in the electronic device;  
5 means for accessing the server with the electronic device;  
6 means for authenticating the removable memory by reading the authentication data from  
7 the removable memory; and  
8 means for downloading the content from the server to the removable memory according  
9 to the predetermined level of content access.
- 1 11. The system according to claim 10 wherein the means for authenticating is included within  
2 the server.
- 1 12. The system according to claim 10 wherein the removable memory is a semiconductor  
2 memory.
- 1 13. The system according to claim 10 wherein the authentication data also includes a time  
2 stamp, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a  
3 predetermined amount of time.
- 1 14. The system according to claim 10 wherein the means for accessing accesses the server  
2 through a wired internet connection, further wherein the wired internet connection  
3 includes a conduit and a personal computer.
- 1 15. The system according to claim 10 wherein the means for accessing accesses the server  
2 through a wireless connection.

- 1 16. The system according to claim 15 wherein the wireless connection includes an internet  
2 connection.
- 1 17. The system according to claim 15 wherein the wireless connection includes a local area  
2 network.
- 1 18. The system according to claim 15 wherein the wireless connection includes a wide area  
2 network.
- 1 19. A system for downloading content, comprising:  
2 a removable memory, the removable memory including authentication data, the  
3 authentication data including a predetermined level of content access;  
4 an electronic device configured to receive the removable memory; and  
5 a server, wherein when the electronic device accesses the server, the removable memory  
6 is authenticated by reading the authentication data from the removable memory, and further  
7 wherein once authenticated, content according to the predetermined level of content  
8 access is downloaded from the server to the electronic device.
- 1 20. The system according to claim 19 wherein the server performs the authentication of the  
2 removable memory.
- 1 21. The system according to claim 19 wherein the removable memory is a semiconductor  
2 memory.
- 1 22. The system according to claim 19 wherein the authentication data is time stamped, such  
2 that the predetermined level of content access is available for a predetermined amount of  
3 time.
- 1 23. The system according to claim 19 wherein the server is accessed through a wired internet  
2 connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a conduit and a  
3 personal computer.

- 1 24. The system according to claim 19 wherein the server is accessed through a wireless  
2 connection.
- 1 25. The system according to claim 24 wherein the wireless connection includes an internet  
2 connection.
- 1 26. The system according to claim 24 wherein the wireless connection includes a local area  
2 network.
- 1 27. The system according to claim 24 wherein the wireless connection includes a wide area  
2 network.
- 1 28. An electronic device for downloading, comprising:  
2 a memory slot configured to receive a removable memory, wherein the removable  
3 memory includes authentication data, the authentication data including a predetermined level of  
4 content access; and  
5 a communications interface configured for coupling to a server, wherein when the  
6 electronic device accesses the server through the communications interface, the removable  
7 memory is authenticated by reading the authentication data from the removable memory,  
8 further wherein content according to the predetermined level of content access is  
9 downloaded.
- 1 29. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the server performs the  
2 authentication of the removable memory.
- 1 30. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the removable memory is a  
2 semiconductor memory.
- 1 31. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the authentication data is time  
2 stamped, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a  
3 predetermined amount of time.

- 1 32. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the communications interface is a  
2 wired internet connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a  
3 conduit and a personal computer.
- 1 33. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the communications interface is a  
2 wireless connection, the wireless connection including an internet connection.
- 1 34. The electronic device according to claim 33 wherein the wireless connection includes a  
2 local area network.
- 1 35. The electronic device according to claim 33 wherein the wireless connection includes a  
2 wide area network.
- 1 36. A removable memory for downloading, comprising:  
2 authentication data, the authentication data including a predetermined level of content  
3 access; and  
4 a communications interface configured for coupling to a server, wherein when an  
5 electronic device accesses the server through the communications interface, the removable  
6 memory is authenticated by reading the authentication data from the removable memory, further  
7 wherein the electronic device includes a memory slot configured to receive the removable  
8 memory, and further  
9 wherein content according to the predetermined level of content access is downloaded.
- 1 37. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the server performs the  
2 authentication of the removable memory.
- 1 38. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the removable memory is a  
2 semiconductor memory.
- 1 39. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the authentication data is time  
2 stamped, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a  
3 predetermined amount of time.

- 1     40.     The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the communications interface is a  
2             wired internet connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a  
3             conduit and a personal computer.
- 1     41.     The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the communications interface is a  
2             wireless connection, the wireless connection including an internet connection.
- 1     42.     The removable memory according to claim 41 wherein the wireless connection includes a  
2             local area network.
- 1     43.     The removable memory according to claim 41 wherein the wireless connection includes a  
             wide area network.